

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An initiator comprising:
  - a conductive header;
  - a reactant disposed on one side of the header;
  - a cover member for covering the reactant;
  - an electrode pin extending through the header to protrude from the other side of the header, the electrode pin being insulated from the header;
  - a heating member provided between the one side of the header and the electrode pin so as to generate heat by the application of electricity;  
wherein the header includes a cylindrical terminal protruding from the other side of the header coaxially with the electrode pin; and  
a connector-retaining portion provided at a leading end of the cylindrical terminal, and  
wherein the cylindrical terminal surrounds the electrode pin.
2. (Original) An initiator according to claim 1, wherein the connector -retaining portion is an outward flange provided at the leading end of the cylindrical terminal.
3. (Original) An initiator according to claim 1, wherein the heating member is a bridge wire.
4. (Currently Amended) An initiator comprising:
  - a conductive header;
  - a reactant disposed on one side of the header;
  - a cover member for covering the reactant;
  - an electrode pin extending through the header to protrude from the other side of the header, the electrode pin being insulated from the header;
  - a heating member provided between the one side of the header and the electrode pin so as to generate heat by the application of electricity; [[and;]] and  
a connector-retaining portion provided at a leading end of the electrode pin, and  
wherein the connector-retaining portion is shaped like a cone that decreases in  
diameter toward a leading end thereof.

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6. (Original) An initiator according to claim 4, wherein the heating member is a bridge wire.

7. (Currently Amended) A gas generator comprising:

a gas-generating agent; and an initiator;

wherein the initiator comprises a conductive header;

a reactant disposed on one side of the header;

a cover member for covering the reactant;

an electrode pin extending through the header to protrude from the other side of the header, the electrode pin being insulated from the header;

a heating member provided between the one side of the header and the electrode pin so as to generate heat by the application of electricity;

wherein the header includes a cylindrical terminal protruding from the other side of the header coaxially with the electrode pin; and

a connector-retaining portion provided at a leading end of the cylindrical terminal;

wherein the initiator causes the gas-generating agent to start a gas-generating reaction, and

wherein the cylindrical terminal surrounds the electrode pin.

8. (Currently Amended) An initiator comprising:

an electrode pin; and

a cylindrical terminal with an outward flange at a leading end of the terminal for retaining a connector;

wherein the electrode pin and cylindrical terminal are coaxial and the cylindrical terminal surrounds the electrode pin, and

wherein the initiator may be mounted in a housing in any direction.

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10. (Currently Amended) An initiator comprising only one electrode pin; thereby allowing the initiator to be easily attached to a connector, the pin including a cone shaped connector-retaining portion that decreases in diameter toward a leading end of the pin.

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